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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Raminda U. Madurawe, Myron W. Wong, John C. Costello, James D. Sansbury, and Bruce E. Mielke

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MARGIN TESTING SINGLE POLYSILICON
EEPROM CELLS**

Assigned to : Altera Corporation

This application is a ☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part
of prior Application No.: 09/874,716, filed June 4, 2001, which is a Divisional of Application No.:
08/995,873, filed on December 22, 1997, which references Provisional Application No. 60/041,026, filed on
March 20, 1997, from all of which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **38** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ **14** Sheets of formal Drawings
☒ Declaration
☐ Newly executed
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is
herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of _____ Application No. _____ filed on _____
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. _____
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Amendments

- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-part ☒ Divisional
application of co-pending prior
☒ Application No.: 09/874,716, filed June 4, 2001, which is a Divisional of Application
No.: 08/995,873, filed on December 22, 1997, which references Provisional Application No. 60/041,026,
filed on March 20, 1997,
☐ International Application _____ filed on _____ which
designated the United States,
the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference."
- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-15 and 20 of the prior application
before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	13	MINUS	20	= 00	x 18 =	00
INDEP.	01	MINUS	3	= 00	x 84 =	00
[] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$280 =	00
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$750 =	750.00
TOTAL						750.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						00

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Check No. 7615 in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALTRP022D2).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

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Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALTRP022D2).

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Attorney Docket No.: ALTRP022D2

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: July 15, 2003


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